



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Minutes - Final



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August 31, 2020 – 7PM

Hudson Community Center, 12 Lions Ave, Hudson, NH 03051

1. **Call to Order: 7:00 pm by Debra Putnam, Chair**
2. **Attendance:** Richard Kahn, Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi, Leo Bernard, Debra Putnam, Dave Morin (Selectman Liaison), Caitlyn Chiquelin (attending remotely), Linda Kipnes is excused.
3. **Public Input:** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to accept by J. Stone-Grimaldi. Seconded by R. Kahn.

Discussion: Leo Bernard points out that “roll” is spelled incorrectly on the draft and needs to be corrected.

Roll call vote: R. Kahn - yes, J. Stone-Grimaldi - yes, L. Bernard - abstain, C. Chiquelin - yes, D. Putnam - yes.

July 27th Minutes are approved with edit.
5. **Election of a new Secretary:**

J. Stone-Grimaldi nominates herself for secretary.

L. Bernard makes a motion to cast one vote for J. Stone-Grimaldi for secretary, C. Chiquelin seconds.

Roll call vote: R. Kahn - yes, J. Stone-Grimaldi - yes, C. Chiquelin - yes, L. Bernard - yes, D. Putnam - yes.

Motion is unanimously approved.
6. **Report by D. Putnam:** Town Administration’s response to members’ motion to hold the August meeting totally via GoToMeeting was not approved.
7. **Presentation:** Scheduled for the September 28th meeting of the Sustainability Committee: Freedom Energy Logistics, Mr. Gilbert Brown. Topic - CommunityChoice Aggregation.
8. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** D. Putnam reports that both Derry and Merrimack experienced the same drop in recycling percentage in June as Hudson did. Fortunately, in July, the recycling percentage went back up.

- **Expenditure Report:** D. Putnam reports that our balance beginning the new fiscal year is currently \$1300. The committee's 2019-2020 fiscal year ended with a balance left of \$275.60.
- **Energy Conservation Report:** D. Putnam summarizes report compiled by L. Kipnes.

Linda is continuing to enter data on the town buildings into the portfolio manager. Members of this committee are urged to register for the local energy solutions conference, which is virtual, Oct 29th and 30th. Everyone is invited to access a webinar on electric school busses, the link to which can be accessed by reaching out to HUDSONSUSTAINABILITY@gmail.com where D. Putnam will email the link.

R. Kahn reports on the Volkswagon settlement that can be used by communities to buy electric municipal vehicles. He will inquire with First Student to see if they would be willing to use that funding for their own vehicles. He suggests Hudson could possibly offer charging stations or something else to incentivize the switch.

D. Morin clarifies that the school board would be the proper channel to go through for this project.

C. Chiquelin mentions that there is also another program that is not school bus specific where we could possibly use the money in another way. The town of Hudson would have to put a project proposal together. She clarifies that the school bus program is propane vehicles, not electric, which would require a different infrastructure. She suggests that a charging station would be great for the town, as people have complained that we do not have one.

D. Putnam continues to summarize L. Kipnes' report, noting that there is another webinar from Clean Energy New Hampshire on offshore wind. More information is on their website. Revision Energy is doing a webinar facebook presentation on community solar farms in Maine. There is good information on their website, revisionenergy.com. ButtonUp New Hampshire online is September 21st. There will be presentations on community power aggregation at our September 28th and October 26th meetings.

L. Bernard suggests that this information be put on our Committee website and D. Putnam agrees that this will happen.

- **Residential Recycling and Solid Waste Services Guide, and the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle list** is on Sustainability Committee pages on the Town website. D. Putnam reminds us to be careful of what we put into our recycling bins because not every plastic item can be recycled. The more correct items that go into recycling, the more our town saves on recycling costs.
- **Hudson Transfer Station is now open the SECOND and LAST Saturday of each month (8:00am-12:00pm) through November. Next two dates are Saturday, August 29 and September 12.** Pass Needed for 2020 – 3 free per year per household, one pass needed for each drop off. Passes may be picked up only at the DPW offices Monday through Thursday 6am – 4pm, 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson.
- **Yard Waste, Metal items, and Cardboard can be brought to the Hudson Transfer Station Every Saturday April through the end of November 8:00am-12:00pm {No Pass Needed}**
D. Putnam suggests that if we collapse our cardboard boxes and deliver them to the transfer station, we have much more room for other items in our recycling bins.
- **Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection:** Next collection is confirmed for **August 29, 2020**, at the **Milford Public Works Garage**, 289 South Street, Milford, NH
User Fees = \$15 per vehicle, for up to 10 gallons or 20 pounds of hazardous waste.

*For additional questions regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Program, visit www.nashuarpc.org/hhw or call 603-417-6570. Resident are invited to like and follow NashuaRPC on Facebook and Twitter for updates.

9. **Sustainability Committee home page on Town Website:** To access “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” information click on “Recycling Information.”

10. **Roadside Signs:**

The committee agrees to order the two-sided signs designed by J. Stone-Grimaldi, using the least expensive vendor found by C. Chiquelin.

C. Chiquelin makes a motion to order 25 signs from Imprint, seconded by J. Stone-Grimaldi.

Roll call vote: R. Kahn - yes, J. Stone-Grimaldi - yes, L. Bernard - yes, C. Chiquelin - yes, D. Putnam - yes.

Motion is unanimously approved.

11. **Roadside Cleanup:** Prior to the September meeting J. Stone-Grimaldi will design the customized section of each A-Frame Roadside Cleanup Sign. D. Putnam will arrange for the printing on larger legal sized paper. This must be completed prior to the September 28th meeting. R. Kahn volunteers to place the new roadside signs along Wason Road a week before our roadside cleanup and remove them one week after the cleanup. L. Bernard recommends he use a safety vest from the town garage. D. Putnam will place and remove the A-frame signs at the appropriate locations and times.

12. **Conservation Commission:** A reminder to residents – A Cleanup of Rangers Drive Town Forest is scheduled for September 5 & 6 starting at 9am each day - hosted by the Hudson Conservation Commission. Volunteers are welcome to meet with members of both committees at the dead end of Rangers Drive on the Saturday morning and/or Sunday morning.

13. **Button Up NH – September 21st:** Flyer and Press Release are shown. They will be advertised in a number of places. Contact the Committee email for zoom instructions.

14. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** C. Chicquelin reminds us that there is an election on Tuesday that is important to participate in.

15. **Next Meeting Date:** September 28, 2020, location TBD.

16. **Adjourned:** .

Motion to Adjourn by L. Bernard. Seconded by R. Kahn.

Roll call vote, R. Kahn - yes, J. Stone-Grimaldi - yes, C. Chicquelin - yes, L. Bernard - yes, D. Putnam - yes.

Motion is unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi
Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary
September 20, 2020